GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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ATROCITIES SC/ST IN RAJASTHAN
N.N. KRISHNADAS

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether atrocities on SC/ST are on the increase in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a case is pending against the decision of the village panchayat of Chakwada village for imposing a fine of Rs. 51,000 on the entire dalit community of the village for a dalit youth taking bath on public ghat on December 14, 2001; and

(d) if so, the present status of the case with details?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. The statistics compiled on the basis of information received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations indicate that the number of cases registered in the country under the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, marginally declined from 30,315 cases in the year 2000 to 30,022 cases in the year 2001.In the case of State of Rajasthan also, the statistics indicate that the number of cases registered under the Act declined from 6679 cases in the year 2000 to 5915 cases in the year 2001.

(c)&(d) The matter has been taken up with Government of Rajasthan. The requisite information is awaited from the State Government.